



Michigan Psychiatric Society

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Honorable Mark Jansen and Members of the Reforms, Restructuring and Reinventing Committee:

I am writing to express that the **Michigan Psychiatric Society opposes Senate Bill 2** on the basis that we believe the dramatic expansion of advanced practice nurses' scope of practice would not be in the best interest of our patients.

While we value the skills and contributions of nursing professionals, including advanced practice nurses, who are seeking title protection and recognition of their educational achievements, **Senate Bill 2 would negate the many years of education and training that are required of psychiatrists to deliver physician-level care** to patients who often have complex and overlapping mental disorders.

Psychiatrists in academic, public and private health system settings have been working in and promoting multi-disciplinary teams for many years. This is the heart of good care.

Integrated care models are flourishing in Michigan. Senate Bill 2 is taking an unnecessary step away from integrated, coordinated care and toward continued fragmentation in mental health and primary care and other specialty care.

Please reconsider the scope provisions in SB 2 and provide only the title protection for APNs that would appropriately recognize their level of nursing expertise.

Thank you for your consideration of our concerns.

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